

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, filed 12/12/2007, with respect to claims 1, 3, 5-11, 13, 15-22 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of these claims has been withdrawn.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on 2/12/2007 and 3/17/2008 are in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statements were considered by the examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Michael R. Cammarata (Reg. No. 39,491) on 3/27/2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 6:

In line 4 of claim 6, "said storing unit" has been amended to read as -- a storing unit --.

Claim 11:

In line 14 of claim 11, "and until" has been amended to read as -- until --.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1, 3, 5-11, 13, 15-22 are allowed.

The reason for allowance can be found in the Applicant's arguments of record filed 12/12/2007.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NHAN T. TRAN whose telephone number is (571)272-7371. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Ometz can be reached on (571) 272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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